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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Monday, February 1, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Division of Professional Regulation

861 Silver Lake Blvd., Conference Room A Cannon Bldg., Dover, Delaware 19901

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: March 1, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Gary Johnson, Professional Member, President

Dr. Marcia Halperin, Professional Member, Vice President

Dr. Mark Fleming, Professional Member, Secretary

Dr. Steve Eichel, Professional Member

Dr. Rick Brokaw, Professional Member

Eleanor Allione, Public Member

Joan McDonough, Public Member

Andrew Slater, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lee Wheeler, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Nancy Fields, Administrative Specialist Patricia Murphy, Deputy Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Fleming, seconded by Ms. McDonough, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board reviewed and signed the Decision and Orders for Tamara Perry, Elisa Taylor, and Earl Walker and they will be mailed out within 2 business days.

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Post Renewal Audit Reviews

The Board reviewed the last two audits outstanding.

A motion was made by Dr. Halperin, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to accept the continuing education for Dr. Roger Harrison. The motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Dr. Eichel, seconded by Dr. Allione, to send Dr. Dettwyler a letter advising him to contact APS and AAPL to obtain replacement certificates for the ones misplaced, to submit a new log listing only the courses with certificates, and inform him that only one credit per talk could be used for presentations and if this information is not received in a timely manner and the content sufficient, a Rule to Show cause hearing will be scheduled. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board stated that CE providers are supposed to retain records and provide duplicate certificates for 5 years after courses are given.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Initial Application for Psychologist

The Board reviewed the application for licensure submitted by Dana DeMaso, Ph.D.

A motion was made by Dr. Halperin, seconded by Dr. Eichel, to approve the application of Dr. DeMaso for licensure as a Psychologist due to meeting all the requirements for licensure. The motion unanimously carried.

Review of Applications to Sit for EPPP

The Board reviewed the application for licensure of John Markey, Ph.D.

A motion was made by Dr. Fleming, seconded by Ms. Allione, to accept Dr. Markey's application and allow him to sit for the EPPP. The motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for Licensure by Reciprocity

The Board reviewed the application for licensure of Peter Pramataris, Ph.D.

A motion was made by Dr. Halperin, seconded by Ms. McDonough, to approve the application for Dr. Pramataris for licensure as a Psychologist due to meeting all the requirements for licensure. The motion unanimously carried.

Complaint Updates

The Board was advised that complaint #26-01-09, #26-02-09, #26-03-09 were closed, # 26-04-09 and # 26-05-09 were recently assigned, and new complaint # 26-07-09 and # 26-08-09 will be assigned shortly.

Correspondence

At the last meeting the Board requested that a release form from Dr. Jerry Castellano, Christiana Care, be sent to Dr. Christopher Hyde so that he could authorize the release of his personal information to the Board; however, no information had been received at this time.

After discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Fleming, seconded by Ms. Allione, to send a letter to Dr. Hyde advising him that he has 30 days to respond to the Board's request so that the Board can make a determination if a violation occurred regarding <u>Del Code</u> 3514(a)(1) and if he fails to reply, it will result in a more formal investigation. Dr. Johnson recused himself and the motion carried.

Dr. Johnson informed the Board of an article in the News Journal regarding a Psychologist that was recently disciplined by the Board; however, in reading the article, he thought the newspaper had the profession incorrect and possibly meant Psychiatrist, instead of a Psychologist, and stated that he was going to contact the News Journal to try to obtain additional information and if an error was made, ask that the article be corrected.

Ms. Murphy discussed and explained the letter from the Division Director regarding the duty to report and informed the members that they are probably considered a health profession entity; therefore, they have duty to report unprofessional behavior of other health professionals, but not necessarily on other Psychologists. This may be something that the Board may want to make amend in the future.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (DISCUSSION ONLY)

Mr. Slater stated that the Psychology bill recently acquired a sponsor and can now move forward into legislative session.

Ms. Murphy advised the Board that a public hearing will not be required in order to make a minor correction in the Rules and Regulations, which was made in error. This correction will align the rules with section § 3508 (a) (2) in the statute.

A motion was made by Ms. Halperin, seconded by Dr. Eichel, to allow the correction be made to Rule 6.2 so that it reads "at least **one year** of supervised experience in psychological work satisfactory to the Board", instead of two years. The motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date is scheduled for March 1, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Fleming, seconded by Dr. Eichel, to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m. The motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nancy Fields, Administrative Specialist Board of Examiners of Psychologists